

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 112
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Patricia South upon her selection as Teacher of the Year at Manley Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Patricia South is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. South has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year by her colleagues at Manley Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on countless young lives; and

WHEREAS, being selected as Teacher of the Year at the school level is the first step in the competition for regional, state, and national honors; Ms. South will compete against other school-level winners from Hamblen County in order to advance to the district competition; and

WHEREAS, serving with acumen and alacrity as a first grade teacher, Patricia South holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Carson-Newman College and has completed extensive graduate work at Cumberland University, East Tennessee State University, and the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. South is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable instructor's extensive professional development includes a Poverty Workshop, DIEBELS training, 6-Trait Writing, Art in the Classroom, Four Blocks, and

Teaching Reading Strategies. She also has served as a presenter at a technology workshop in Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Patricia South truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; she also serves the next generation of educators as a resident teacher for student teachers and practicum students; and

WHEREAS, for the past eight years, Ms. South has gone beyond the call of duty, tutoring students who need extra help before and after school. This dedicated teacher has stated, "I truly feel it is my obligation to help those students with special needs."; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to her community, Ms. South is a supporter of and member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority, the Lakeway and National reading councils, and the Junior Reading Circle and is renowned for her leadership as Co-Vice President of the Alpha Elementary PTO; and

WHEREAS, truly epitomizing the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Patricia South should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Ms. Patricia South on being chosen as Manley Elementary School's Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.